

Chapter 5

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5.1 AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS CONSULTED

In the course of preparation of the Draft and Final SEISs for the Golden Sunlight Mine (GSM), the DEQ and BLM communicated with and received input from federal, state, and local agencies, elected representatives, environmental and citizens groups, companies, and individuals. This list of agencies, organizations, and individuals includes those individuals present at the Public Scoping and the Whitehall Community Transition Advisory Committee meetings held in Whitehall, and the MAA meetings.

5.2 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

5.2.1 Scoping Meeting

A public scoping meeting was held on July 16, 2003 at the Middle School in Whitehall, Montana. A total of 164 people signed in at the meeting, and there were approximately another 30 who declined to sign the register. The meeting commenced with an explanation of the meeting's purpose presented by DEQ. The General Manager of GSM spoke on the history of the mine. This was followed by a presentation by the agencies of the seven alternatives being actively studied in preparation of the SEIS.

Twenty-six attendees at the public scoping meeting made statements, all against partial pit backfill at GSM. Representatives of BLM and DEQ answered questions raised by participants of the meeting.

A total of 76 comments have been received, 71 letters or e-mails, and five comment forms completed during the public meeting. There were a total of 120 signatures on the comments, and 12 comments were on form letters. Of the 76 comments received, 73 expressed strong opinions against partial pit backfill. Seven letters were from local, state, or federal representatives.

What has changed in Chapter 5 since the DSEIS?

Chapter 5 lists all those who consulted on the SEIS and how public participation took place. The following changes have been made:

- Information on the DSEIS meetings held in 2005 are listed.
- The information on the timeframe for public comments is listed.
- The mailing list for the FSEIS is listed.

5.2.2 Whitehall Community Transition Advisory Committee

On September 9, 2003, another public meeting was held at the Whitehall Middle School, called by the Whitehall Community Transition Advisory Committee, a locally based stakeholder group interested in the future and reclamation of GSM. This meeting again showed the interest of the local and surrounding communities in the process. Both DEQ and BLM representatives attended the meeting.

A total of 117 people attended the meeting. Similar to the Public Scoping Meeting, the persons making statements at this meeting were strongly against the partial pit backfill approach to GSM reclamation.

5.2.3 MAA Process

To assist the agencies in determining the range of alternatives to be evaluated in the SEIS, DEQ and BLM initiated a Multiple Accounts Analysis (MAA) process. The MAA process is described in detail in Robertson GeoConsultants (2003) and summarized in Section 1.7.2.

5.2.4 Draft SEIS Public Meetings

Public meetings were held in Whitehall on January 31, 2005, with 17 speakers, Helena on March 14, 2005, with 13 speakers, and Butte on March 24, 2005, with 7 speakers. The meetings were conducted by DEQ and BLM to solicit input on the GSM Draft SEIS.

5.2.5 Draft SEIS Public Comments

The public comment period ran from December 16, 2004, until April 12, 2005. There were 169 groups or individuals who provided public comment on the Draft SEIS. These 169 entities provided 392 comments. The responses to these public comments are found in Chapter 6.

5.3 PERSONS AND ORGANIZATIONS RECEIVING THE SEIS

Agencies, organizations, and individuals who received copies of the Final SEIS are listed below:

Businesses/Organizations

Alliance for the Wild Rockies
AngloGold North America
Atlatl
Bighorn Environmental Sciences
Buka Environmental
Butte Local Development Corp.
Cardwell Store and RV Park
Center for Environmental Programs
Center for Urban Affairs & Policy
Clark Fork Coalition
Continental Divide Trail
Cortez Gold Mine
CURE
Earthworks
Fickler Oil Company
Gallatin Wildlife Association
Genesis Inc. Troy Mine
Golden Sunlight Mine
Gouch, Shanahan, Johnson & Waterman
International Union of Oper. Engineers
J. Kuipers Engineering
JLDC
LR Huckaba Ranch
McCloskey Auto Electric
Mineral Policy Center
Montana Contractors' Association, Inc.
Montana Mining Association
Montana Petroleum Association
Montana Resources
Montana River Action
Montana Wildlife Federation
Mountain Labs
MSE-TA
MT Environmental Information Center
National Wildlife Federation
Northern Plains Resource Council
O'Keefe Drilling

Pacific Blasting
People for the West
Pintler Audubon Society
Smith Construction
Smith Contracting
Western Mining Action Project
Western Environmental Trade Assoc.

Colleges and Universities

Montana State University – Bozeman
Montana Tech of the University of
Montana - Butte

Libraries

Boulder Community Library
Bozeman Public Library
Butte Public Library
John Gregory Memorial Library
Lewis and Clark County Library
Montana State Library
Montana State University Library
Montana Tech Library

Congressional Offices

U.S. Representative Denny Rehberg
U.S. Senator Max Baucus
U.S. Senator Jon Testor

Montana Legislators

Representative Art Noonan
Representative Diane Rice
Representative George Groesbeck
Representative Jim Keane
Representative Scott Mendenhall
Senator Steve Gallus
Senator Terry Murphy
Senator Dan Harrington
Senator Bill Tash

Local Governments

Butte Chamber of Commerce

County Agencies

Butte Silver Bow County Commission
Gallatin County Commission
Jefferson County Commission
Jefferson Valley Conservation District
Madison-Jefferson County Extension
Office

Tribal Entities

The Confederated Salish and Kootenai
Tribes of the Flathead Nation
Crow Indian Reservation
Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

Federal Government

Bureau of Indian Affairs
Bureau of Land Management
Bureau of Reclamation
Department of Energy
Department of Interior
Environmental Protection Agency
Fish and Wildlife Service
Library of Congress
Mineral Management Service
National Park Service
Office of Environmental Policy &
Compliance
Office of Surface Mining
US Geological Survey National Center
US Government Printing Office

State of Montana

Department of Commerce
Department of Environmental Quality
Department of Natural Resources and
Conservation
Environmental Quality Council
Hard Rock Impact Board
Montana Chamber of Commerce
Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
Office of the Governor
State Historic Preservation Office

Individuals

Joe and Laurie Adams
James Anderson
Paul Babcock
Eric Ball
Joe Bardswich
Ike Bassett
Dana Bauer
Henry Bogert
Steve Bundrock
Shane and Kari Chatriand
Randy Cline
Bill and Bernadette Conner
Gary and Faith Cooper
Roberta Coppinger
Joe Davis
Mary Davis
Bob Dedominic
Kenneth Dodd
Jim Ellerton
Jessie Felsheim
Meryl and Lacy Fitzpatrick
Jerry Fleege
Larry Fulford
Donald Gillespie
Jerry Gray
Dick and Mary Gustin
Jerry Hanley

Individuals (Cont.)

Amber Henson
Clifford Hoopes
J.R. Huchohe
Amber Jones
Trenton Jones
Rick Jonlan
Doc Jordan
Jim Keane
Joe Kenworthy
Jerr Lamb
Victor Lazar
Roxann Lincoln
Robert Lonback
John Magnus
Tamara Mar
Robert Marks
Bret Martinell
Glenn Marx
Antone Matule
Michael McCarthy
James McComber
Phillip Mulholland
Eric Nelson
Jerry Ocheskey
Kenneth Paulsen
Dan Poff
Don Powers
Janice Prinkki
Dean Pryor
Henry Reed
Paul Richards
Edward Ruppel
Ellie Safratowich
Tom Salvagni
Betty Salvagni
Darrell Scharf
June Severance
Bill and Barbara Seybert
Debbie Bowman Shea
Ed Simon

Bob and Connie Sims
Richard Smith
Bruce Stredwick
Bob and Barb Sunderland
Norman and Michelle Tebay
Jim Tinger
Charles Van Patten
Dan Walker
B. Warthen
Kerry and Cassie Weightman
Eric Williams
Mark Williams
Ken Wilson